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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA REASSURE SECURITY FORCES

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY THAT INTERNAL LEADERS SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA HELD A SERIES OF MEETINGS ON AUGUST 17 WITH TOP SECURITY FORCES STAFF MEMBERS. AFTERWARDS, THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ADDRESSED AN ASSEMBLAGE OF 3,000 TERRITORIAL AND REGULAR ARMY MEMBERS.

2. ACCOUNTS OF THE LARGER MEETING QUOTE SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA AS SAYING THE PRESENT STRUCTURE OF THE SECURITY FORCES WOULD REMAIN INTACT WHATEVER GOVERNMENT COMES TO POWER. THEY ALSO PROMISED TO SUPPORT IAN SMITH IF HE WERE THE ONE TO WIN AN ELECTION. BOTH LEADERS SAID THAT TERRORIST GROUPS OPERATING AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BASE IN RHODESIA.

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3. ARMY SOURCES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO REASSURE SECURITY FORCES THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A FUTURE IN A BLACK RULED ZIMBABWE.
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